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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Tuyet Vo

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 14-18 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7 and 10-13 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 6, 8 and 9 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/20/04.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-4, 7, 10-13 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Alexandrov (US Pub. 2004/0124785):

Alexandrov discloses method and apparatus (Fig. 2) for controlling arc current supplied to a lighting system comprising:

An input power factor correction circuit (AC/DC converter, PFC controller) for boosting and converting AC power source to DC power source (page 2, [0025]); and

A start up circuit (A, D47, D49) adapted to provide a starting voltage to an output power conditioning unit (INVERTER CONTROL CIRCUIT) for supplying a heating voltage, the start up circuit including a first circuit (D47) adapted to provide a first bias voltage supply to the output conditioning unit and a second circuit (D49) to provide a second bias voltage supply to the input power factor correction circuit, wherein a switching unit (M1, M2) adapted to control application of the boosted and converted DC power in order to provide positive and negative DC voltage to a lamp unit, the lamp illumination being adjusted automatically via input feedback circuit (FEEDBACK CIRCUIT).

Allowable Subject Matter

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3. Claims 14-18 are allowable.

4. Claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior fails to establish a first voltage doubling rectifier circuit comprising a first pair of diodes as required in claim 5 or the start up circuit including a first zener diode constructed in a manner as required in claim 8. The prior art also lacks to support a main output transformer having a primary winding and at least one secondary winding, the primary winding connected to the input power factor correction unit and the at least one secondary winding connected to the electrodes and to the at least one lamp unit; a switching unit connected to said primary winding of said main output transformer; an output power conditioning unit adapted to control the switching unit to provide voltage to the primary winding of the main output transformer as required in claim 14.

Citation of pertinent prior art

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure.

Janczak et al. (US Pat. 6,175,195) discloses triac dimmable compact fluorescent lamp with dimming interface.

Gradzki et al. (US Pat. 6,043,611) discloses dimmable compact fluorescent lamp.

Correspondence

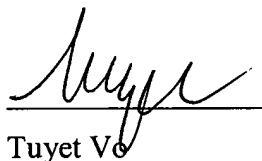
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuyet Vo whose telephone number is 571 272 1830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571 272 1834. The fax phone numbers for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 872 9306 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308 0956.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuyet Vo', is written over a horizontal line.

Tuyet Vo

Primary Examiner

October 17, 2004